

**Outreach Feedback from South Park Advisor Council / Community Night**  
**October 17, 2011, 6:30 p.m.**

**#1 What should we prioritize?**

- ◆ No reduction in hours because of South Park Action Agenda
- ◆ Teen Leader 40/hrs week
- ◆ Keeping community center open after school / later in the evenings'
- ◆ Volunteer hours to help staff evenings and weekends
- ◆ Stay open on Saturdays ! !
- ◆ Making sure breakfast and lunch program stays in South Park
- ◆ Prioritize eliminating morning hours if hours are lost
- ◆ Continue serving middle and high school youth
- ◆ Continue STEPS Summer program
- ◆ Continue teen focused programs in South Park
- ◆ Explore opportunities for partners to help run community center
- ◆ Community center look at neighborhood resources and work collaboratively to offer services that compliment other neighborhood services
- ◆ Continue youth Employment / service learning opportunities
- ◆ Weekend day outdoor trips
- ◆ Late Night Recreation (add Saturdays)
- ◆ Keep serving teens, seniors / keep well attended programs
- ◆ South Park has field priorities
- ◆ Adjust Summer hours to serve middle/high school youth
- ◆ Parity of programming and scholarships equity / social justice
- ◆ People not losing jobs
- ◆ Don't ignore past gang issues
- ◆ Returning to full-time Recreation Leader at South Park
- ◆ Afternoon programs & Summer – Out-of-School time
- ◆ Fitness Center ~ make hours 3:00 – 9:00 pm – youth / teens
- ◆ Friday Late Night Programs → 9:00pm – 12:00am
- ◆ Youth / teen sports programs ~ 6 – 18 yrs old, boys and girls
- ◆ Parent engagement with children through programs and volunteering

**# 2 What should we keep doing?**

- ◆ Everything!
- ◆ Teen Programs
  - Field trips
  - Community
- ◆ ARC programming
- ◆ Teen Access to building
  - Safe / recreational place to be
- ◆ LLR – continues / reinstate - lost Rec. Spec.

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- ◆ Fully fund: Teen Leader and Rec. Leader
- ◆ Summer Camp Scholarships
- ◆ Custodial support
- ◆ Interact w/Center
  - Programs / special events
  - Juggling
  - STEP programming
  - Access
- ◆ Carmen ~ full time!
- ◆ Everything and more
- ◆ Teen Program
- ◆ Action agenda alive
- ◆ Free breakfast & lunch program
- ◆ Keep TDL at 40 hrs
  - Carmen ~ full time ~ Rec. Spec.
- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ TOT Drop-in gym
- ◆ Building the Advisory Council
- ◆ Soccer – Martial Arts
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Engaging youth and families – key to public safety
- ◆ English classes
- ◆ Healthy cooking classes
- ◆ Computer classes
- ◆ Focus on decreasing youth obesity
  - Family awareness
- ◆ Early education programs – play and learn
- ◆ Youth Employment programs ~ summer school
- ◆ SPD Officers engaging with youth/teens

**# 3    What should we stop doing?**

- ◆ Stop over-staffing
- ◆ Question is phrased negatively
- ◆ Focus on 25 – 55 → minimize (focus more on youth and seniors)
- ◆ Decrease summer weekend operating hours (as long as outdoor restrooms are maintained)
- ◆ We don't want to stop anything
- ◆ Strategically use and hours that we have
- ◆ Increase access to outdoor field programs to S. P. residents (especially youth) (scholarships, etc.)

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- ◆ Stop barriers for community volunteering
- ◆ Don't cut hours that affect programs/groups who have an ongoing relationship with center staff (youth!!)
- ◆ Stop giving field time to outside groups ~ find sponsorships for groups in South Park
- ◆ Reduce meetings that take staff away from the CC
- ◆ Streamline open hours ~ maximize programming
- ◆ Reduce "red tape" around pursuing fundraising opportunities, sponsorships, etc.

**# 4 What can we do?**

- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ Not accept cut
- ◆ Send letters
- ◆ Combined events
- ◆ TLC Transportation is issue
  - Bridge (isolation)
  - Bus price/raised
- ◆ Most use: events
- ◆ Use of S.P. after school / community center
- ◆ Engage programs
- ◆ Parent involvements
- ◆ Gaps (most needed events / programs) to volunteer for
- ◆ Telling people about the budget hearings
- ◆ Translate information
- ◆ Attend meeting – express our community's needs
- ◆ Express needs outweigh 'use stats'
- ◆ Volunteer
- ◆ Fully fund teen related programs
  - Expand teen programs
  - Teens & children have most needs
- ◆ Existing organizations in SP
  - Use the community center more often
- ◆ Create busy needs
- ◆ Schedule meetings at the center
- ◆ Establish a new center on the Duwamish – youth program ~ private funding needed
- ◆ Combine events – provide transportation
- ◆ ARC work with programming and scholarships \$
- ◆ School / Parks don't both need to provide same services, same times
- ◆ Joint – use discussion

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- To the extent possible rent the center
  - Engage parents to participate with programs
  - Get more Adv. Council members and keep them engaged . . .
- ◆ Contact the rest of the City Council members to support the Action Agenda (\$)
- ◆ Once gaps are identified, how do we engage and share that information?
- ◆ Use partner to bring in arts, biking, musician
- ◆ What's going on in the community?
  - Make sure
- ◆ ARC \$
- ◆ Parents pay annual membership
  - Increase revenue
- ◆ Building / Program / Special Event volunteers
- ◆ Committee to clean Comm. Center weekly
  - Develop a sense of ownership in community
- ◆ Want to engage elected officials to express how important CC is to the community
- ◆ Provide opportunities for parents to give their time to CC
- ◆ \* Do not want to depend on the government
  - Want to work in the community to keep SPCC open ~ Mobilize
- ◆ Confident that they could fundraise to help fund the building expenses
  - Want youth to see parents helping out
  - Creative fundraising campaigns.